

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources  
Environmental Protection Commission**

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**DECISION**

**TOPIC**

**Contract – UHL – Use Assessments/Use Attainability Analysis**

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The Department requests Commission approval of a contract, not to exceed \$750,000 with the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab for 6 full time and 1 part time staff positions to complete field work associated with Use Assessments (UA)/Use Attainability Analysis (UAA).

The objective of this contract is to hire short term contract positions for the purposes of obtaining field information on the existing and attainable aquatic life and recreational uses in selected stream reaches recently designated. The field information will be used to verify the applicability of the recent assumed designations or to augment documentation prepared as part of a Use Attainability Analysis. The responsibilities of the six full-time staff positions include:

- Perform the ongoing day-to-day fieldwork for stream assessments,
  - Recreational use assessment fieldwork can begin in mid March with favorable stream flow conditions, particularly in southern Iowa streams.
  - Aquatic life assessment is to be performed in the period between July and October during favorable stream flow conditions.
- Complete required paperwork for each stream assessment, and
- Data management of field work.

SF 2363 Water Quality Standards incorporated water quality standards rule making into law and established a timeline for completing UA/UAA's. HF2782 Infrastructure/Environment First appropriated \$750,000 for the Department to use to complete the UA/UAA's.

UHL was chosen for this contract, due to their extensive experience in providing short term technical staff to the Department.

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